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Guide to the

**Collection of materials on Noah and the Flood**

1959-1986

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## Summary

**Creator:** Graff, Robert D., 1919-

**Title:** Collection of materials on Noah and the Flood

**Date:** 1959-1986

**Size:** 161 items in 7 folders

**Source:** Gift. Marjorie S. Graff (Mrs. Robert D. Graff). Received: 1988.

**Abstract:** A collection of correspondence, press releases, clippings, and photographs relating to the television production of Igor Stravinsky's ballet-oratorio, *Noah and the Flood* which had its world premiere on CBS Television on June 14, 1962. Correspondents include Igor Stravinsky, Robert Craft, Robert D. Graff, and Lillian Libman. Includes fifteen photographs of Igor Stravinsky, George Balanchine, and others, and 114 contact sheets documenting rehearsals and production. Also includes pencil portrait of Marjorie Graff by Rouben Ter-Arutunian (designer).

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Lillian Libman. Includes fifteen photographs of Igor Stravinsky, George Balanchine, and others, and 114 contact sheets documenting rehearsals and production. Also includes pencil portrait of Marjorie Graff by Rouben Ter-Arutunian (designer). World premiere, CBS-TV, 1962 June 14 Producer: Robert D. Graff Music: Igor Stravinsky Choreography: George Balanchine Design: Rouben Ter-Arutunian Directed by Kirk Browning with narration from the Bible by Elsa Lanchester and Laurence Harvey

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Ballet in television -- Noah and the flood  
Manuscripts (Letters)

### **Titles**

Gift of Marjorie S. Graff  
Noah and the flood (Choreographic work : Balanchine)

### **Names**

Graff, Robert D., 1919-  
Craft, Robert  
Stravinsky, Igor, 1882-1971

## Container List

- f. A *Original sketch of Marjorie S. Graff done by Rouben Ter-Arutunian during recording of Noah in Hollywood*
  - Correspondence
    - f. 1 TLS, Igor Stravinsky to Robert D. Graff 1959 Aug. 2
    - f. 1 TL carbon, Robert D. Graff to Igor Stravinsky 1959 Aug. 11
    - f. 1 Telegram confirming luncheon date, Igor Stravinsky to Robert D. Graff 1959 Aug. 25
    - f. 1 Typed (with holograph emendations by Robert Craft) and handwritten notes on conversation between Robert Craft and Robert D. Graff 1960 May
    - f. 1 *TLS, Igor Stravinsky to Robert D. Graff, May 22, 1961 referring to the ark ballet in Noah*
    - f. 1 TLS, Ralph A. Dungan, Special Assistant to the President [Kennedy] to Robert D. Graff, mentioning upcoming telecast 1961 Dec. 6
    - f. 1 Holograph LS, Robert Craft to Robert D. Graff, carbon transcript 1962 Feb. 8
    - f. 1 Holograph LS, Robert Craft to Robert D. Graff 1962 Apr. 7
    - f. 1 TLS, Lillian Libman [public relations for Igor Stravinsky] to Robert D. Graff 1962 Apr. 9
    - f. 1 TLS, Igor Stravinsky to Robert D. Graff 1962 Apr. 15
    - f. 1 Memo, Bob Tamplin [CBS-TV] to Robert D. Graff 1962 Apr. 17
    - f. 1 Telegram, "good luck," Igor Stravinsky to Robert D. Graff 1962 June 13
    - f. 2 CBS-TV Pre-presentation Information Booklet 1961 June
      - Photographs by Ernst Haas, Leigh Wiener, et al.
    - f. 3 Prints and contact sheets of rehearsals and filming, including Marjorie and Robert D. Graff, Igor and Vera Stravinsky, George Balanchine, Rouben Ter-Arutunian, Vera Zorina, Robert Craft, Laurence Harvey, Elsa Lanchester, Kenneth Dewey (Mrs. Graff's son)
  - f. 4 *Benjamin Britten, Noye's Fludde. Piano-vocal score*
    - Press
  - f. 5 Releases, announcements, features, reviews-- 1962
    - Subsequent showings
  - f. 6 Museum of Broadcasting Balanchine retrospective, Cable network 1984, 1986